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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 21/2026/Taxes. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16th February, 2026*
4th Kumbham, 1201.

S. R. O. No. 348/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 29 of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975 issued under G. O. (P) No. 134/75/TD dated 4th October, 1975 and published as S. R. O. No. 902/75 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 583 dated 4th October, 1975, namely:—

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Amendment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment to the rules.*—In the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975, in rule 11, for sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"(3) No liquor processed in a batch shall be issued until a sample thereof has been analysed and certified by the Chemical Examiner or the Bureau of Indian Standards that the sample confirms with Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018.".

By order of the Governor,

K. R. JYOTHILAL,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Based on the work study report 2024, conducted by Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department and the workshop organized by Chemical Examiner's Laboratory Department, the Chief Chemical Examiner to Government has reported that the current rule mandating issuance of a certificate of fitness for human consumption is inconsistent with scientific best practices and national accreditation guidelines. Hence Government have decided to amend sub-rule (3) of rule 11 of the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975 suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above objects.

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